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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Glebe House of Southwark Parish (Preferred)

AND/OR COMMON

The Old Glebe

2 LOCATION

.7 mile northeast of Cypress Swamp; northeast side of Route 10;

STREET & NUMBER

1.2 miles northwest of intersection of Route 10 and Route 618.

...NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Spring Grove

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Fourth (Robert W. Daniel, Jr.)

STATE

Virginia

CODE

51

COUNTY

Surry

CODE

181

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Col. and Mrs. Nelson C. Ritchie

STREET & NUMBER

Route 10

CITY, TOWN

Claremont

... VICINITY OF

STATE

Virginia 23340

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Surry County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Surry

STATE

Virginia

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (2)

TITLE

(1) Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory (see Continuation Sheet #1)

DATE

1958

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Library of Congress

CITY, TOWN

Washington

STATE

D. C.

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Situated near State Route 10 west of Surry Court House, the Glebe House of Southwark Parish is a three-bay, story-and-a-half gambrel-roofed structure set on a low basement. It is built of brick laid in Flemish bond above and below the beveled water table. (The basement was stuccoed in 1924.) The present appearance of the house has been achieved through a series of alterations. Originally, it was a single-story, gable-roofed building with interior end chimneys, raking courses of glazed headers paralleling the eaves, and corbelled cornice stops. Early in the nineteenth century, the roof was altered to its present gambrel form and the chimneys were rebuilt as exterior end chimneys. To cover the differences in the brickwork, it was painted red with white joints, but the raking courses of headers and the corbelled cornice stops (under a later box cornice) remain as clues to the original form of the building.

The present front windows were enlarged in the nineteenth century, and large nine-over-nine sash inserted. The window openings on the gable ends were apparently made at the time of the enlargement of the front windows, and jack arches were painted over them. The rear windows with their gauged brick jack arches, narrow nine-over-nine sash, and wooden sills appear to be the original size.

The recent removal of the nineteenth-century porches from the front, rear, and ends of the house revealed on the east facade the shadow of an original porch which apparently was a simple hood. Further evidence of earlier states of the house was provided by a round-butted wooden shingle and some roofing slates found in the attic during the most recent renovation.

The house has a single-pile, central-passage plan. In the passage is an early triple-run stair with square newels, a closed stringer, and a heavily molded handrail on the lower runs. The stair has no balusters except on the landing. The balusters are square wooden ones set diagonally and are topped by a plain, round-topped handrail which extends onto the upper run. These balusters and handrails are apparently later alterations. Also noteworthy in the central passage is the two-panel, raised-panel door to the cellar stairs, which is hung on foliated H-hinges.

The early nineteenth-century remodeling also resulted in changes to the interior. Besides these modifications to the upper portions of the stair already discussed, the most striking addition was the mantel in the (north) dining room, which has an architrave surround, molded shelf, and two horizontal raised panels in the frieze. Possibly dating from this period as well was the handsome graining, formerly found throughout the house but now surviving only on one door. Further remodeling, carried out in the mid-nineteenth century, resulted in a plain Greek Revival mantel in the south room (parlor) and a few Greek Revival doors scattered throughout the house.

There are two rooms in the cellar. The southern of the two was paved with cement during renovations in 1924, but the northern one retains its brick tile floor.

Of the early outbuildings only a gable-roofed frame smokehouse remains which, according to an old photograph, formerly stood northeast of the house but is now placed northwest of it. Beaded weatherboards remain on the north side under a nineteenth-century lean-to wing.

SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Glebe House of Southwark Parish in Surry County is one of a small group of colonial glebe houses in Virginia. Associated with the Reverend John Cargill, a prominent figure among the Virginia clergy of the early eighteenth century, the house retains many original features despite a series of alterations.

Southwark Parish was set off from James City Parish in 1647, and until 1738 was one of two parishes--the other was Lawne's Creek--which served the present Surry-Sussex County area. In 1738, the Surry County portions of Southwark and Lawne's Creek parishes were combined into a single parish called Southwark. The southern portions of the two older parishes were set off as Albemarle Parish.

In 1721, land for a glebe at Indian Springs Plantation was left to the parish by Capt. Francis Clements, who had served as Clerk of Surry County, 1697-1708. Three years later, the Rev. John Cargill, minister of Southwark Parish since 1708, wrote in a report to the Bishop of London that "my glebe house is in a very bad condition and the parish will not repair it, so I must look out for a house elsewhere." Architectural evidence suggests that Cargill's parish built him the present house on the glebe soon after he registered his complaint.

Cargill played a prominent part in the affairs of the Virginia clergy. He was a member of a convention which met at the College of William and Mary in 1719 to consider Commissary James Blair's request that the clergy side with him in a political dispute with Governor Alexander Spotswood. The majority of the convention, however, took Spotswood's side and took pains as well to question Blair's own credentials as an Anglican cleric. Cargill was one of a small group of dissenters from the convention's report who supported Blair's position.

Cargill's successors included Peter Davis (listed as rector in 1758), Benjamin Blagrove (1774, 1776), John Henry Burgess (1785) and Samuel Butler (1790, 1792). The latter was a notorious bon vivant and president of the Jockey Club of Surry and Charles City counties. Under his pastorate, the parish was disbanded.

The glebe house was sold, as required by the legislature in 1802, and like most of the standing Virginia glebe houses, it underwent extensive remodeling at that time. It has been held by a succession of private owners since the Disestablishment. From 1906 to 1966 it was the home of the Bryant family and in 1971 was purchased by Col. and Mrs. Nelson Ritchie.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 22 acres

UTM REFERENCES

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c	1,8	33,06,3,0	4,11,18,0,0	d	1,8	33,06,4,0	4,11,21,9,0

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The acreage comprising the Glebe House of Southwark Parish is bounded by a line beginning at a point on the north side of Route 10, 1.1 miles northwest of intersection of Routes 10 and 618; thence extending 1000 feet northeast along east side of secondary road; thence extending 1100 feet northwest partially along north side of secondary road; thence extending 1000 feet southwest to north side of Route 10; thence extending southeast along north side of said route to point of origin.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Staff

ORGANIZATION

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE

August 1975

STREET & NUMBER

221 Governor Street

TELEPHONE

804-786-3144

CITY OR TOWN

Richmond

STATE

Virginia 23219

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Virginia Landmarks Commission

TITLE Junius R. Fishburne, Jr., Executive Director
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

DATE OCT 21 1975

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

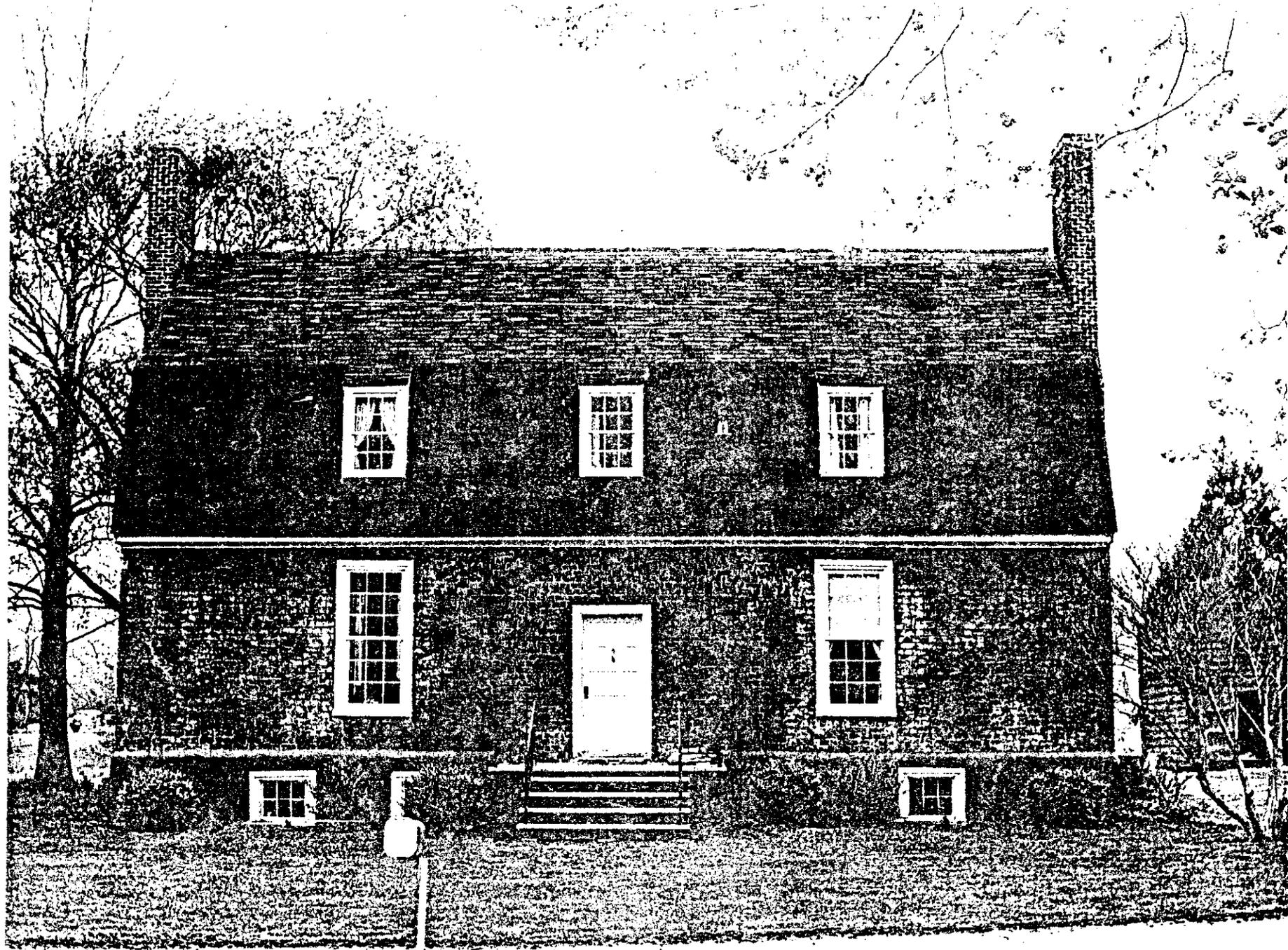
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DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



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The Old Glebe

2 LOCATION

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X VICINITY OF

COUNTY Surry

STATE Virginia

3 PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission DATE OF PHOTO 1975

NEGATIVE FILED AT Virginia State Library, Richmond, Virginia

4 IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET

PHOTO NO.

Exterior view from east.

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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STATE Virginia

3 MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE USGS 7.5' quadrangle, Claremont, Virginia

SCALE 1:24000

DATE 1966

4 REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES

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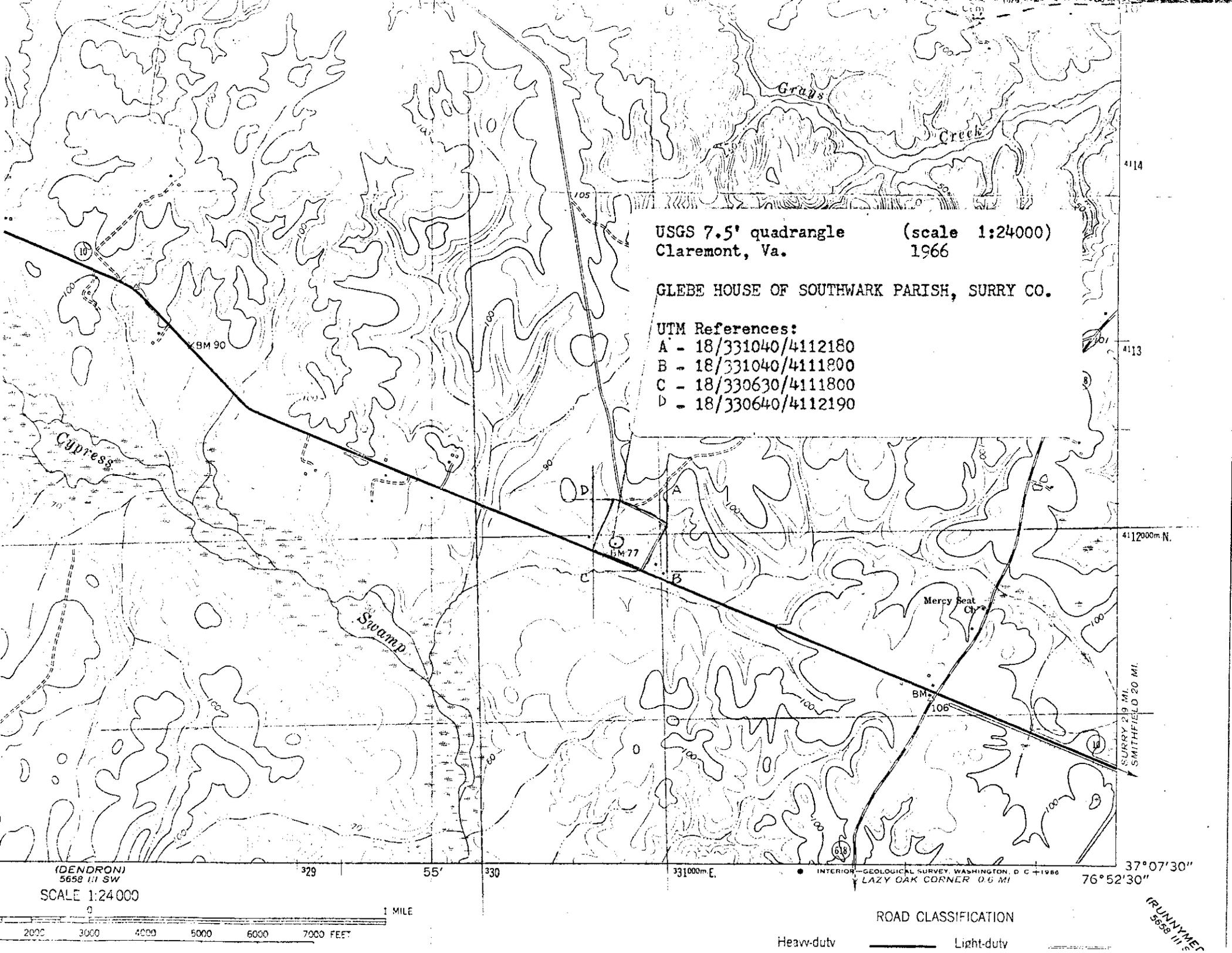
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REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

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Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
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Richmond, Virginia 23219

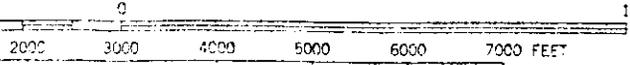


USGS 7.5' quadrangle (scale 1:24000)
 Claremont, Va. 1966

GLEBE HOUSE OF SOUTHWARK PARISH, SURRY CO.

- UTM References:
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 - B - 18/331040/4111800
 - C - 18/330630/4111800
 - D - 18/330640/4112190

(DENDRON)
 5658 1/1 SW
 SCALE 1:24 000



1 MILE

INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. + 1986
 LAZY OAK CORNER 0.6 MI

ROAD CLASSIFICATION
 Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty - - - - -

4114

4113

412000m N.

SURRY 2.9 MI
 SMITHFIELD 20 MI

37°07'30"
 76°52'30"

(RUNNYMEET)
 5658 1/1 E